

THE COLLEGE MAN IN PROFESSIONAL BALL IS VINDICATED—ALL ARE HIGHBROWS NOW

BASEBALL AS SPORT AND BUSINESS MIGHT GO WITH ENFORCEMENT OF RULE PERMITTING GENERAL DRAFT

Parks Might Close With Loss of Large Investments Built Up—President's View of Sports Offers Other Food for Speculation

SOME interesting angles of speculation are presented as a result of the news announcement from Washington to the effect that ball players are not to be exempted from the workings of the selective draft law.

The President's recent pronouncement seemed to indicate that the experience of the war, based upon tried conditions, was strong for the favoring of a continuance of all sports possible, the impression being left that the plan was not only in keeping with the spirit of war in encouraging vigorous sports, but to serve the masses of the people with pleasing and healthful recreation during the excitement of wartime.

In any event, a general drafting of ball players would virtually break up the delicate organism of organized ball and would likely close up the parks in no time.

The classification of ball players with artists, actors and authors certainly applies when the matter of furnishing public amusement only is considered.

CERTAINLY baseball breathes a fighting spirit consonant with the war zeal and military urge; it diverts the American mind as does nothing else and it healthfully entices the populace into the arena.

Lucky Break When Phils Got Schulte

IT WAS a lucky break for the Phils when they grabbed Frank Schulte from Pittsburgh at the waiver price of \$1500. The deal was put through with little difficulty and one of the greatest players in the game was transferred at a bargain price.

Schulte still is a good ball player, but in the last two years he has not been able to do himself justice. In 1915 he had a fairly good year with the Cubs, but at the beginning of last season he did not seem to fit in with the ex-Federal League stars on Tinker's payroll.

PAT MORAN is elated over the deal and President Baker's face is wreathed with smiles. A difficult problem has been solved—that of getting a man who can hit in the pinches.

Jack Coombs Will Be Absent Guest of Honor at Colby Today

THIS IS Coombs Day at Colby College, in Waterville, Me. Jack was graduated in 1906, and since that time has brought fame to his alma mater through his work on the ball field.

They think pretty well of Coombs up in Maine, and many remember the first day he appeared for practice on the diamond. It was in the spring of 1902, before the noted moundman matriculated at Colby.

Leon K. Saunders was captain of the Colby nine that spring and assisted in the coaching at the prep school. He was hitting grounders to the infield when a tall, gawky figure ambled toward him.

"I want to try for the team," mumbled Jack. "What do you play and what experience have you had?" demanded the coach.

"Never played before, but I'm big enough to play first base," replied the rookie. "Can't you see you are first?" said Saunders, "because we have a first baseman, and he happens to be the captain. Get on third and I'll look you over."

Jack went to the bag in the far corner of the diamond and acted like a Dutch brewer standing in front of a soda fountain. A grounder was knocked toward him and he went after it like a one-legged man trying to beat Ted Meredith. He fumbled the ball, kicked it, fell on it and everything else, and when he picked it up he turned and whipped it to first base.

"IT WAS the greatest throw I ever saw," said Saunders, who told us the story recently. "The ball just zipped across the diamond and went as straight as a bullet. Right then I saw that a bum third baseman was about to become a good pitcher, and before the end of the season he was the best in Maine. He learned rapidly and soon had the opposing batters striking out from the dugout."

Leonard-Kilbane Match for Philadelphia Appears Off

JAMES F. DOUGHERTY is a peevish person these days. He has failed to stage the greatest boxing bout of the year—Leonard and Kilbane—in Philadelphia, and is sad and morose as he wanders over his estate in Lehighville. Kilbane is willing to box, but it has been impossible to get Leonard's name to a contract.

Leonard is not anxious to get into the same ring with the featherweight champion. I offered a purse of \$15,000, which is the most that ever has been offered for a six-round bout in the history of boxing. Then I was ready to raise it to \$20,000, but my representatives in New York could not get Gibson to even listen. I made the offer in good faith, had the money to post before the bout and there was no bluffing on my part.

I believe the people of Philadelphia would turn out to see a high-class bout like that and I was willing to take a chance. Now that the match apparently has fallen through I want to say that Kilbane was willing to box Leonard at 135 ringside, which is the legal lightweight limit, and when Benny held off he raised the weight to 135 ringside. I hate to say it, but it looks to me as if Leonard was afraid of Kilbane, although he would have at least nine pounds on him if they met. It's pretty bad when a man steps out of his class to meet another and the heavier man refuses to box.

IN JUSTICE to Gibson and Leonard, however, let it be said that they are considering the match in New York. A promoter has offered the equivalent of \$40,000 for the match, and in boxing as well as any other line of business money comes first.

Saier Released to Make Room for Driscoll

VIC BAIER, one time star first baseman of the National League, has been handed his unconditional release by Manager Mitchell of the Cubs. Saier injured his leg early in the season and the limb failed to respond to treatment. The Cubs purchased Merkle and the former Giant has filled the position so well that Mitchell concluded he had no further use for the former Southern Michigan Leagueer. It seems strange that a former member of the same league should displace Saier, but it is true, as both were members of the Southern Michigan circuit, Saier playing with Lansing before going to the Cubs while McGraw took Merkle from Mount Clemens.

The Cubs were down to the player limit and as Mitchell recently took on Eddy Driscoll, the star Northwestern University football and baseball athlete, it was necessary to let out one of the boys so as to remain in the twenty-two player limit. As Saier was the only man not available, he was handed his walking papers. With his passing it marks the going of another former celebrated home run hitter.

Driscoll apparently has made a favorable impression upon Mitchell. The club was in great difficulty with the hitting of Chuck Werthman, their right-handed pitcher, who has been having a great deal of trouble with his legs that

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ALL-DAY RED CROSS CARNIVAL AT RIVERTON

The Riverton Gun Club will hold an all-day transshipping carnival at Riverton, N. J., tomorrow, the proceeds to be turned over to the Red Cross Society.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

ALONG, loud, lurid howl that has reached this city from New York is the wail of Jim Coffey, Irishman, giant and heavy-weight boxer, about the way the pushers of the pencil have been treating the Roscommon man since he was outboxed by Carlos Morris in a Gotham ring several weeks ago.

When writing about the heavyweight situation Coffey says he doesn't understand why his name is conspicuous by its absence; he can't reason why the name of Jim Coffey is eliminated from the eligible challengers for Jess Willard's scalp.

John Howard gave Battling Levinsky so good a beating at Providence, R. I., in twelve rounds last week that he was out of the ring for a month.

Harry Cutsh, who boxed around here as a real good lightweight several years ago, is to fight a substitute for him, a man who will meet him at the welterweight limit, and if he does not get the decision tonight he will give his and to any worthy cause.

Paul Doyle, the New York boxer, will give the star line at the Broadway Athletic Club, opposed to the Gotham glovesman, who is Harry Cutsh.

Kid McFarland, who has become the peer of the champions since he was outboxed by Leonard in the penultimate round of the fight between Leonard and Willie Jackson, managers of the bout to meet today and decide on the third man.

Clay Turner, the half-breed Indian, is making an obvious reputation for himself in New York, the night before the chief referee, who has the short end of the stick, has to knock him out at Arverne, L. I., July 5.

They all come back! Once in the boxing game it is hard to stay out of the little limelight, and once in the limelight it is hard to get out of it. Harry Cutsh, who has been in the limelight for some time, is to fight a substitute for him, a man who will meet him at the welterweight limit, and if he does not get the decision tonight he will give his and to any worthy cause.

TOO MUCH NEWS CAUSED DOWNFALL OF PRO LEADER, FOR HE BEGAN TO SLIP WHEN RECORD WAS REPORTED

Cunningham Was Told So Often of the Progress of Looos That He Soon Lost Lead in the National Open

JOCK HUTCHINSON, THE PROFESSIONAL

almost fatal, as the lead was wiped away and he was now one stroke down to the bird on the hole. He duplicated his rival's bird on the third, but his four on the next hole put him two strokes in the wake of Eddie. Hutchinson was aware of the danger, but he was not to be deterred.

Hutchinson, of Allegheny, also romped around in 73, but his total was made by safe and sane golf. Out in 37, he came home in 28, and there were all tagged by the ladies disguised as nurses; the machines that enter the grounds are halted at the gate by the first line of collectors, and there are plenty of extra nurses scattered about the clubhouse and grounds to nab any badgeless follower.

They Never Win at Home. Jim Barnes demonstrated the old theory that a professional cannot win a big event over his own course. The only time in the history of the national open that the home professional has won a title over his own teaching ground occurred in 1895, when Henry Rawlings was crowned open king after the meeting at Newport.

Phil Coran, winner of the St. Martins cup last year, reached the final round of the junior golf tournament yesterday, in the penultimate round Coran met and pitted Norman MacBean, Cornell champion, by making the short seventh hole of the Country Club in one stroke. One is rare in golf, and they are almost unknown in competition play, and when MacBean saw his opponent's drive go scudding into the cup he lost a lot of interest in the match.

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Cheltenham A. C. Holds Carnival

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INCIDENT MAY BE CLOSED AS TO MCGRAW AND OTHERS, BUT SPORTS SCRIBES ARE JUST WARMING UP

Authors of "Fake Interviews" and "Scurrilous Fabrications" Threaten Disturbance—Giant Manager Passed Written Interview, Says One

By GRANTLAND RICE

WE UNDERSTAND in regard to the recent McGraw-Byron-Tener episode that "Manager McGraw, President Tener and the National League owners consider the incident closed."

To make responsible baseball reporters the goats of the occasion may seem an easy way out, but it will hardly be as easy as it seems.

Every one connected with the signed statement repudiating recent interviews wherein McGraw gave his opinion of President Tener—this includes McGraw, Tener and every National League club owner—knows that the manager of the New York club was correctly quoted as to all main issues.

The attempt to throw the scandal back upon the newspapers will hardly stand. One example will suffice. Sid Mercer, of the Globe, was among the "repudiated set."

There isn't a baseball fan in New York who doesn't believe that Sid Mercer, Sam Crane and others present handled the interview just as it was given.

McGraw, knowing these interviews were authentic, could very easily have settled the matter by confessing that he lost his temper and in the heat of anger said things which he should not have said.

Another Angle. There is still this side to consider: Before this repudiation of McGraw's was accepted and given out, why couldn't National League club owners have secured testimony from the newspaper writers involved?

They knew the denial was a joke and that innocent parties were being slandered. If they had desired to get at the real truth of what happened and what was said, the way was easy enough.

The original interviews had been published for a week. If they were false, why were they not denied at once?

It is almost impossible to understand how McGraw, in view of his past record, could do such a thing.

There may be several parties who consider the incident closed, but we doubt very much if the baseball reporters involved are to be listed in this lot. It is to every newspaper that printed one of the repudiated interviews to prove who told

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